



*The quiet, confident surrender
of a life in Christ*

Unified Budget Monthly Income Needed	\$18,228.33	(\$4,206.54 per week)
July Receipts	\$13,734.71	(avg. \$3,433.68/wk)
July Disbursements	\$20,798.72	
YTD Receipts	\$119,944.24	
YTD Disbursements	\$128,776.35	
2026 Budget Total		\$218,740
July	Deficit	\$7,064.01
YTD Budget	Deficit	\$8,832.11

*Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Bevan, Treasurer*

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Worship

August 30, 2026

10:30 A.M.

Prelude I Need Thee Every Hour *with* Lord, I Need Thee
~ *arr. Victor Labenske*
Have Thine Own Way, Lord ~ *arr. Ted Smith*
Just As I Am ~ *arr. Joel Randy*

We Gather around God's Word

Opening Song Here's my life, I lay it down

Welcome & Prayer
Greeting One Another

Singing Step by step
Come, thou fount
Lord, reign in me

Scripture Psalm 5:1-7

Offering I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ~ *arr. Penny Rodriguez*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Luke 22:28-29, 39-42

Sermon Quiet, confident surrender *Pastor Charlene*

We Respond to God's Word

Song I surrender all

Sharing & Prayer

Sending I bind my heart this tide

Benediction

Postlude Give Me Jesus ~ *American Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes*

This Sunday

Worship Leader: Cindy & Carl Raub
Greeter: Chris Allem
Pianist: Joan Hallman
Musicians: Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush
Videographer: Mark Kemmerer
Visual Technicians: Marsha High, Emily Rush
Sound Technicians: Carl Raub, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

Sunday School Classes for Spring Quarter

The TLC class, 9:30 am, Room 104: The book of James
The Bible Project class, 8:45 am, on Zoom: Leviticus

West Swamp Mennonite Church

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Ministry Team, Carl Raub

Community, Nancy Jacobs

Discipleship (DISCO), *vacant*

Mission, Karen Parzych

Stewardship, Alex Parzych

Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

August 30, 2026

*Discovering together how to follow Jesus
and make our community and world a better place*

Calendar

Aug. 30	Pastor Charlene Smalls preaches
Sept 1, 8 am	Quilting only
Sept. 6	Pastor Jeff Wright preaches
Sept. 8, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Sept. 12, 10 am	Ag Daze
Sept. 16	Music practices resume
Sept. 17, 12 pm	Senior Luncheon
Sept. 20, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch

We welcome **Pastor Charlene Smalls** to our service today and thank her for her morning message. Pastor Charlene is a co-pastor of Ripple Church in Allentown. She is a graduate of Liberty University where she earned a degree in Arts and Religion in 2017. Pastor Charlene has a passion for walking with, and ministering to, those who've been broken by life's circumstances.



Notes:

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Correct new address: Pastor Michael & Sue's mailing address is **64874** Orchard Drive, Goshen, IN 46526. Their emails and cell phones remain the same.

Holes to fill: Besides losing a pastor, we are also losing another person from our worship leader pool. Please prayerfully consider adding your name to those who help lead worship. If the idea seems a bit daunting, start out small: volunteer to read scripture or give the offering prayer. Resources are available, you don't need to write your own material (though that is welcome too). Talk to Joan or Lynne to see if this is a hole you can help fill.

Music practices begin: If you would like to join the Choir or Chimin' In, contact Lynne. We can always use more music makers!

Bean Bag Project: The Bean Bag target item for Sept. 6 is 1-2 lb bags of dry beans (black beans preferred, but any type is fine). Please put items in the collection bin in the fellowship hall. Other items from the list are welcome too! Thank you for your donations.

Ag Daze, Sept. 12: Carl & Cindy Raub are heading up West Swamp's participation at this event at Molasses Creek Park. But they can't do it alone! They need volunteers to help run the plinko game, hand out prizes, and just be friendly. Sign up on the bulletin board, or talk to the Raubs if interested.

Quakertown Autumn Alive: The Mission Commission is looking for someone to organize a West Swamp table at Quakertown Autumn Alive on Oct. 17 from 10 to 4. The Plinko Board and prizes can be used for this event also. Organizing this would involve lining up volunteers to be at the table that day and people to set up the pop up tent and table and take everything down at the end of the event. Please contact Karen Parzych if you are interested, (215) 317-8424.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for **West Swamp Mennonite** in the midst of their pastoral transition. We give thanks for Pastor Michael Howes' years of leadership and pray for the congregation's ministry team as they soon make decisions about interim leadership.

Your Story Matters: This event is **Sept. 12, 9:30 am-12 pm** (doors open at 9 am) at **Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton**. Join three Christian authors (Beverly Benner Miller, Bonnie Moyer and Lisa Stenger) as they highlight the transformative power of sharing their stories and how it has revealed God's work in our lives with the purpose of helping others. Contact the church office for RSVP info; registration deadline is Sept. 1.

15th Annual Sporting Clays Event: Camp Men-O-Lan invites you to their exciting Sporting Clays Event on **Sept. 12** at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays. Gather your own group of 2-4 shooters, or come solo and get assigned to a team. RSVP at 484-916-8636.

Church Office Hours

For pastoral care 8/31-9/6, contact Nancy Jacobs (215-527-6423).

Lynne: Monday, working from home; Tuesday-Thursday, 10-12:30.